

What is claimed as new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A memory device comprising:

5 a gate dielectric formed on a semiconductor substrate between source and drain regions;

a floating gate on said gate dielectric;

10 a CVD deposited Al_2O_3 layer on said floating gate, said Al_2O_3 layer having a doping implant; and

15 a control gate over said doped Al_2O_3 layer.

2. The memory device of claim 1, wherein said Al_2O_3 layer is doped with silicon.

20 15 3. The memory device of claim 1 further comprising a silicide layer on top of said control gate.

4. The memory device of claim 1, wherein said gate dielectric is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of oxynitride and oxide.

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5. The memory device of claim 1, wherein said memory device is a flash memory device.

6. A method for forming a memory device, comprising:

25 forming a gate dielectric on a semiconductor substrate;

forming source and drain regions on opposite sides of said gate dielectric;

forming a floating gate on said gate dielectric;
forming a silicon-doped Al_2O_3 layer by chemical vapor deposition on said floating gate; and
forming a control gate on said doped Al_2O_3 layer.

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7. The method of claim 6, wherein said step of forming said silicon-doped Al_2O_3 layer is performed at an energy of approximately 10keV and at a dose of approximately $1 \times 10^{14} / \text{cm}^2$ to $1 \times 10^{15} / \text{cm}^2$.

10 8. The method of claim 6 further comprising forming a silicide layer on top of said control gate.

9. The method of claim 6, wherein said gate dielectric is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of oxynitride and oxide.

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10. The method of claim 6, wherein said memory device is a flash memory device.

11. A processor-based system, comprising:
20 a processor; and

an integrated circuit coupled to said processor, said integrated circuit including a memory device, said memory device comprising:

a gate dielectric formed on a semiconductor substrate on said integrated circuit between source and drain regions;

25 a floating gate on said gate dielectric;

a CVD deposited Al_2O_3 layer on said floating gate, said Al_2O_3 layer having a doping implant; and

a control gate over said doped Al_2O_3 layer.

5 12. The processor-based system of claim 11, wherein said Al_2O_3 layer is doped with silicon.

13. The processor-based system of claim 11 further comprising a silicide layer on top of said control gate.

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14. The processor-based system of claim 11, wherein said gate dielectric is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of oxynitride and oxide.

15. The processor-based system of claim 11, wherein said memory device 15 is a flash memory.

16. The processor-based system of claim 11, wherein said integrated circuit is part of a memory circuit.

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17. The processor-based system of claim 12, wherein said silicon dopant dose is of approximately $1 \times 10^{14} / \text{cm}^2$ to $1 \times 10^{15} / \text{cm}^2$.

18. A semiconductor device comprising:
a first conductive layer;
a second conductive layer; and
a doped Al_2O_3 layer separating said first and second conductive layers.

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19. The semiconductor device of claim 18, wherein said device is a capacitor.

20. The semiconductor device of claim 18, wherein said device is part of a 10 transistor gate stack which stores a charge.

21. The semiconductor device of claim 20, wherein said transistor gate stack is part of a flash memory cell.

15 22. The semiconductor device of claim 21, wherein said Al_2O_3 layer is doped with silicon.

23. The semiconductor device of claim 21 further comprising a silicide layer on top of said second conductive layer.

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24. The semiconductor device of claim 18, wherein said second conductive layer is formed on a gate dielectric layer.

25. The semiconductor device of claim 24, wherein said gate dielectric 25 layer is formed is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of oxynitride and oxide.

26. The semiconductor device of claim 22, wherein said silicon is doped at a dose of approximately $1 \times 10^{14} / \text{cm}^2$ to $1 \times 10^{15} / \text{cm}^2$.